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Session 1: Word List

midnight

n. the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

synonym: middle of the night, witching hour

(1) **midnight** snack, (2) **midnight** shift

I stayed up until **midnight** watching my favorite movie.

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym: down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

remotely

adv. at a distance; not directly or easily accessible

synonym: distantly, remotely, slightly

(1) **remotely** operate, (2) control **remotely**

The company can **remotely** access its employees' computers for troubleshooting purposes.

operate

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

synonym: work, use, employ

(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a machine

This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

seabed

n. the bottom of a sea or ocean; the surface of the sea's bed, which can be rocky, sandy, muddy, or covered with coral or other organisms

synonym : ocean floor, sea bottom

(1) **seabed** mining, (2) **seabed** habitat

The dense coral reefs on the **seabed** provide a home for various marine life.

transmit

v. to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another

synonym : convey, share, dispatch

(1) **transmit** the disease, (2) **transmit** information

Parents often **transmit** their characteristics to their children.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

discern

v. to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious

synonym : determine, distinguish, sense

(1) **discern** the big picture, (2) **discern** friend from foe

Parents need to help their children **discern** right and wrong.

vessel

n. a ship or large boat

synonym : boat, ship, craft

(1) blood **vessels**, (2) naval **vessels**

The **vessel** arrived in port the following day.

gloom

n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

synonym: darkness, depression, melancholy

(1) a sense of **gloom**, (2) **gloom-filled** room

The **gloom** of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.

relic

n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

synonym: whiff, vestige, antique

(1) historical **relic**, (2) holy **relics**

This bronze sword is a **relic** of ancient times.

undoubtedly

adv. without a doubt; certainly; definitely

synonym: surely, unquestionably, indisputably

(1) **undoubtedly** successful, (2) **undoubtedly** talented

The singer's talent is **undoubtedly** one of the greatest in the music industry

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

shipwreck

n. the destruction or loss of a ship at sea, usually caused by sinking or running aground; the remains or wreckage of a ship that has been destroyed or lost at sea

synonym: wreckage, ocean disaster

(1) **shipwreck** site, (2) **shipwreck** survivor

Divers discovered the remains of an old **shipwreck** while

exploring the reef.

mast

n. a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

(1) **mast** height, (2) built-up **mast**

The main cabin is located in front of the **mast**.

row

n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line

synonym: line, sequence, layer

(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees

He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

bench

n. a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice

synonym: seat, terrace, judiciary

(1) **bench** conference, (2) **bench board**

I sat on the **bench** in the park and enjoyed the beautiful scenery.

deck

n. a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

synonym: platform, veranda, patio

(1) **deck** chairs, (2) hands on **deck**

She sat on the ship's **deck**, watching the sunset over the ocean.

eerily

adv. in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements

synonym: spookily, strangely, creepily

(1) **eerily** accurate, (2) **eerily** atmospheric

The abandoned house was **eerily** silent as if someone was watching from within.

intact

adj. undamaged and complete

synonym : flawless, unchanged, entire

(1) **intact** brain, (2) **intact** forestland

Despite the scandals, his reputation remained **intact**.

notably

adv. particularly; especially; in a way that is worthy of attention

synonym : particularly, especially, distinctly

(1) improve **notably**, (2) **notably** different

The study found that the treatment was **notably** effective in most cases.

splay

v. to spread out or apart, especially in a disorganized or uneven way; to cause or force something to spread out or expand

synonym : spread out, flare, fan out

(1) **splay** out in a graceful manner, (2) **splay** my hands across his back

The branches of the tree **splayed** outwards, providing a natural canopy.

rudder

n. a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)

synonym : helm, tiller, steering gear

(1) **rudder** control, (2) **rudder** movement

The small boat's **rudder** was damaged in the storm, making it difficult to steer.

blade

n. the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting

synonym : knife, sword, cutter

(1) a **blade** of grass, (2) the **blade** of a turbine

The **blade** of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.

resemble

v. to look like or be similar to someone or something

synonym: look like, be similar to

(1) **resemble** each other, (2) **resemble** her mother

The brothers **resemble** each other in the hobby.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

vase

n. a container, typically ornamental, for holding flowers or other decorative objects

synonym: urn, jug, pot

(1) a ceramic **vase**, (2) **vase** pottery

The exquisite **vase** was filled with a bouquet of flowers.

definitive

adj. serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed

synonym: conclusive, final, decisive

(1) **definitive** answer, (2) a **definitive** edition

The study provided **definitive** proof of the effectiveness of the new drug.

wreck

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

synonym: collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**

The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

radiocarbon

n. a radioactive form of carbon that is used to date ancient biological materials, such as bones or wood, by measuring the amount of carbon-14 remaining in them

synonym: carbon dating, radiometric dating, carbon-14

(1) **radiocarbon** decay, (2) **radiocarbon** analysis

The archaeologists used **radiocarbon** dating to determine

the age of the artifacts.

confirm

v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

synonym: affirm, verify, assure

(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction

Please write to **confirm** your reservation.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

traverse

v. to cross or move through a land or water area

synonym: cross, pass through, travel over

(1) **traverse** the region, (2) **traverse** a vast extent of sea

Approximately 1000 automobiles **traverse** the bridge every day.

depth

n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

synonym: deepness, profoundness, extent

(1) **depth** camera, (2) the **depth** of the water

The pond's **depth** was around five feet.

unseen

adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

synonym: invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force

The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

undisturbed

adj. not interrupted or interfered with; left alone; peaceful

synonym: calm, peaceful, uninterrupted

(1) **undisturbed** sleep, (2) **undisturbed** nature

The wildlife reserve is a vital **undisturbed** habitat for endangered species.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

byzantine

adj. characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand

synonym : complex, convoluted, labyrinthine

(1) **Byzantine** rites, (2) **Byzantine** art

The **Byzantine** Empire was known for its complex political system and culture.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym : imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym : outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym : conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

prehistoric

adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable

synonym : ancient, primitive, archaic

(1) **prehistoric** settlements, (2) **prehistoric** times

Scientists often fail to date archeological or **prehistorical** findings.

surrounding

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

synonym : circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle

The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

settlement

n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

synonym : agreement, accommodation, colonization

(1) the **settlement** of a dispute, (2) **settlement** in a new house

Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful **settlement**.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

hub

n. the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes

synonym : center, junction, focal point

(1) a **hub** of commerce, (2) education **hub**

This airport has taken the first step to become an international **hub** airport.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

merchant

n. a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

synonym: dealer, trader, retailer

(1) **merchant** bank, (2) agricultural **merchant**

This shipping company has several hundred **merchant** ships.

pirate

n. (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea

synonym: buccaneer, corsair, privateer

(1) **pirate** treasure, (2) video **pirate**

The **pirate** captain ordered his crew to attack the merchant ship.

warrior

n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

synonym: fighter, soldier, combatant

(1) armored **warrior**, (2) **warrior** spirit

The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary **warrior**.

sustained

adj. lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense

synonym: prolonged, extended, continual

(1) **sustained** economic growth, (2) **sustained** release medication

The company experienced **sustained** growth over the past decade.

seafarer

n. a person who works at sea, especially on a merchant ship or a navy vessel; a person who is experienced in sailing or navigating on the sea

synonym : sailor, mariner, navigator

(1) qualified **seafarer**, (2) fellow **seafarer**

The experienced **seafarer** told stories of his adventures on the high seas.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym : inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

enclose

v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

synonym : surround, encase, contain

(1) **enclose** a check with a letter, (2) **enclose** area

The walls were **enclosed** to create a private outdoor space.

basin

n. a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

synonym : watershed, bowl

(1) inland **basin**, (2) the **basin** of the Great Salt Lake

Many of the lakes and marshes in the **basin** are mildly salty.

seasonal

adj. occurring or varying according to the season or time of year; related to or affected by the changing seasons

synonym : periodic, cyclic

(1) **seasonal** allergies, (2) **seasonal** fruits

The pumpkin patch only operates during the **seasonal** fall months.

oxygen

n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals,

and plants to live

(1) the hydrogen binds the **oxygen**, (2) lack of **oxygen**

The passenger grabbed for the **oxygen** mask.

saltwater

adj. of or connected with seawater or water containing salt;
living in or found in the sea

synonym: marine, naval, maritime

(1) a **saltwater** fish, (2) **saltwater** crocodile

The ecosystem upstream of the river significantly impacts the **saltwater** ecosystem downstream.

distinct

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

synonym: different, special, characteristic

(1) **distinct** difference, (2) **distinct** from each other

It is essential to keep these two issues **distinct**.

dense

adj. containing a large number of people or something with
little space between them

synonym: heavy, thick, idiotic

(1) nutrient- **dense** foods, (2) **dense** forests

The entire mountain is covered in **dense** rainforest.

freshwater

adj. living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not
contain salt

(1) **freshwater** area, (2) **freshwater** aquatic bird

This microbe is a parasite of **freshwater** fish.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym: lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life
insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

meromictic

adj. relating to a body of water that has distinct layers of
water that do not mix, typically due to differences in
temperature, salinity, or density

synonym : stratified, layered, unstable

(1) **meromictic** basin, (2) **meromictic** zone

The **meromictic** lake has layers of water that don't mix due to differences in density and temperature.

saltiness

n. the quality or state of being salty

(1) the taste of **saltiness**, (2) enhance the **saltiness**

She tasted the dish and detected a slight **saltiness**.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym : area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

preservation

n. the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

synonym : conserving, protection, conservancy

(1) wildlife **preservation**, (2) the **preservation** of food

The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable **preservation**.

pickle

n. vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

synonym : jam, predicament, quagmire

(1) **pickle** a cucumber, (2) **pickle** barrel

The **pickle** must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit

the growth of bacteria.

jar

n. a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

synonym : container, vessel, pot

(1) a **jar** of jam, (2) a water **jar**

He placed the coins in a **jar** to save for a trip.

marine

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

synonym : sea-dwelling, maritime, aquatic

(1) **marine** insurance, (2) variety of **marine** life

Seals and whales are **marine** animals beloved by the people.

decompose

v. to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements

synonym : break down, rot, spoil

(1) **decompose** matter, (2) **decompose** into simpler molecules

After the earthquake, many of the buildings in the city were left in ruins and began to **decompose**.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym : descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

organic

adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals

synonym : biological

(1) **organic** soils, (2) eat **organic** food

The kidney is an **organic** component of the body.

anaerobic

adj. living or occurring in the absence of oxygen; relating to or involving a process that does not require oxygen

synonym : oxygen-free, without oxygen, anoxic

(1) **anaerobic** atmosphere, (2) **anaerobic** exercise

Anaerobic bacteria thrive in environments without oxygen, such as a sealed landfill.

bacteria

n. single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

synonym : microorganism, microbe

(1) pathogenic **bacteria**, (2) harmless **bacteria**

Bacteria prevalent in hospitals are often resistant to antibiotics.

cargo

n. the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles

synonym : shipment, freight, burden

(1) plenty of **cargo** space, (2) unload the **cargo**

During the war, many **cargo** ships were converted into battleships.

carving

n. the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

synonym : sculpture, engraving, sculpture

(1) a wood **carving**, (2) **carving** instrument

The intricate **carving** on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.

rig

v. to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

synonym : set up, prepare, arrange

(1) **rig** an election, (2) **rig** a ship with new sails

He **rigged** the game so he could win the prize.

assemble

v. to collect in one place as a single group

synonym : gather, congregate, collect

(1) **assemble** your colleagues, (2) **assemble** a jigsaw puzzle

The president began to **assemble** an army.

medieval

adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

synonym : gothic, knightly, antique

(1) **medieval** times, (2) **medieval** history

Only the **medieval** tower remained standing.

virtual

adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

synonym : practical

(1) a **virtual** image, (2) trading of **virtual** currencies

She is the **virtual** president of the company.

monopoly

n. exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

synonym : cartel, trust, ownership

(1) a government **monopoly**, (2) **monopoly** in distribution

The government strived to protect its tobacco **monopoly**.

modernize

v. to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system

synonym : develop, update, upgrade

(1) **modernize** infrastructure, (2) **modernize** agriculture

The company plans to **modernize** its outdated technology and software to improve efficiency.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym : modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

scholar

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

synonym : professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym : disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

synonym : possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer

Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

degradative

adj. causing degradation or breaking down of a substance or material into smaller or simpler components; relating to or involving the breakdown of organic matter by microorganisms in the absence of oxygen

synonym : deteriorating, degrading, decaying

(1) **degradative** pathways, (2) **degradative** enzymes

The **degradative** process of composting helps turn organic waste into nutrient-rich soil.

gradual

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

synonym : incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym : raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

plank

n. a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes

synonym : board, timber, beam

(1) oak **plank**, (2) **plank** exercise

He was ordered to walk the **plank** by the pirate captain.

fragile

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

synonym : delicate, brittle, breakable

(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem

The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

wreckage

n. the remains of something that has been destroyed, ruined, severely damaged, or crashed, usually referring to vehicles, buildings, or machinery

synonym : debris, remains, demolition

(1) **wreckage** recovery, (2) ship **wreckage**

The **wreckage** of the plane was scattered across the field after the crash.

suspend

v. to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely

synonym : stop, postpone, adjourn

(1) **suspend** a decision, (2) **suspend** fruits from the ceiling
The University **suspended** the most recalcitrant
demonstrators.

Session 2: Spelling

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20. se___d mining *n.* the bottom of a sea or ocean; the surface of the sea's bed, which can be rocky, sandy, muddy, or covered with coral or other organisms
21. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
22. pre_____ic settlements *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
23. pr_____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
24. re_____le her mother *v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something
25. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
26. unload the ca___o *n.* the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
27. mer_____ic zone *adj.* relating to a body of water that has distinct layers of water that do not mix, typically due to differences in temperature, salinity, or density
28. un___n danger *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
29. m__t height *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

ANSWERS: 19. inevitable, 20. seabed, 21. discovery, 22. prehistoric, 23. preserve, 24. resemble, 25. ancient, 26. cargo, 27. meromictic, 28. unseen, 29. mast

30. su_____ed economic growth *adj.* lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
31. de_____se matter *v.* to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements
32. op_____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
33. pl__k exercise *n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes
34. politically fr_____e nation *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
35. noted sc_____r *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
36. di_____ct difference *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
37. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
38. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
39. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
40. s__k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

ANSWERS: 30. sustained, 31. decompose, 32. operate, 33. plank, 34. fragile, 35. scholar, 36. distinct, 37. environment, 38. survive, 39. ancient, 40. sink

41. def_____ve answer *adj.* serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed
42. sp__y out in a graceful manner *v.* to spread out or apart, especially in a disorganized or uneven way; to cause or force something to spread out or expand
43. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
44. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
45. naval ve____ls *n.* a ship or large boat
46. a gr_____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
47. an un____n force *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
48. em____e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
49. a j_r of jam *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials
50. improve no_____y *adv.* particularly; especially; in a way that is worthy of attention
51. de_____se into simpler molecules *v.* to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements
52. ru____r control *n.* a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)

ANSWERS: 41. definitive, 42. splay, 43. remarkable, 44. zone, 45. vessel, 46. gradual, 47. unseen, 48. empire, 49. jar, 50. notably, 51. decompose, 52. rudder

53. ru___r movement *n.* a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)
54. nutrient-de___e foods *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
55. By_____ne art *adj.* characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand
56. und_____ed sleep *adj.* not interrupted or interfered with; left alone; peaceful
57. a vi_____l image *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
58. tr_____se a vast extent of sea *v.* to cross or move through a land or water area
59. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
60. a sa_____er fish *adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea
61. ee___y atmospheric *adv.* in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements
62. mo_____ly in distribution *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

ANSWERS: 53. rudder, 54. dense, 55. byzantine, 56. undisturbed, 57. virtual, 58. traverse, 59. contemporary, 60. saltwater, 61. eerily, 62. monopoly

63. racial or ___n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
64. deg_____ve pathways *adj.* causing degradation or breaking down of a substance or material into smaller or simpler components; relating to or involving the breakdown of organic matter by microorganisms in the absence of oxygen
65. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
66. re___n a lawyer *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
67. en_____e a check with a letter *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
68. mo_____ze agriculture *v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system
69. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
70. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
71. a bl__e of grass *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
72. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line

ANSWERS: 63. origin, 64. degradative, 65. remarkable, 66. retain, 67. enclose, 68. modernize, 69. strategy, 70. uncover, 71. blade, 72. row

73. the bl__e of a turbine *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
74. re____le each other *v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something
75. v__e pottery *n.* a container, typically ornamental, for holding flowers or other decorative objects
76. be__h conference *n.* a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice
77. blood ve____ls *n.* a ship or large boat
78. manually op____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
79. mer____ic basin *adj.* relating to a body of water that has distinct layers of water that do not mix, typically due to differences in temperature, salinity, or density
80. deg____ve enzymes *adj.* causing degradation or breaking down of a substance or material into smaller or simpler components; relating to or involving the breakdown of organic matter by microorganisms in the absence of oxygen
81. eve____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
82. la____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree

ANSWERS: 73. blade, 74. resemble, 75. vase, 76. bench, 77. vessel, 78. operate, 79. meromictic, 80. degradative, 81. eventually, 82. largely

83. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
84. wildlife pre_____ion *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
85. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
86. sc_____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
87. video pi___e *n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
88. fr_____e ecosystem *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
89. agricultural me_____nt *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
90. no_____y different *adv.* particularly; especially; in a way that is worthy of attention
91. a comprehensive su_____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
92. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
93. the set_____nt of a dispute *n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
94. inland ba___n *n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

ANSWERS: 83. origin, 84. preservation, 85. permanent, 86. scholar, 87. pirate, 88. fragile, 89. merchant, 90. notably, 91. survey, 92. contemporary, 93. settlement, 94. basin

95. control re_____ly *adv.* at a distance; not directly or easily accessible
96. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
97. sur_____ng areas *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
98. as_____le a jigsaw puzzle *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
99. und_____ed nature *adj.* not interrupted or interfered with; left alone; peaceful
100. qualified se_____er *n.* a person who works at sea, especially on a merchant ship or a navy vessel; a person who is experienced in sailing or navigating on the sea
101. se_____al allergies *adj.* occurring or varying according to the season or time of year; related to or affected by the changing seasons
102. as_____le your colleagues *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
103. pre_____ic times *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
104. lack of ox_____n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
105. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
106. the pre_____ion of food *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

ANSWERS: 95. remotely, 96. largely, 97. surrounding, 98. assemble, 99. undisturbed, 100. seafarer, 101. seasonal, 102. assemble, 103. prehistoric, 104. oxygen, 105. sink, 106. preservation

107. the de__h of the water *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
108. d__k chairs *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
109. a government mo_____ly *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
110. the hydrogen binds the ox____n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
111. de___t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
112. r_g an election *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
113. built-up m__t *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
114. sa_____er crocodile *adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea
115. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
116. me_____al history *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

ANSWERS: 107. depth, 108. deck, 109. monopoly, 110. oxygen, 111. depict, 112. rig, 113. mast, 114. saltwater, 115. row, 116. medieval

117. a sense of gl__m *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
118. hands on d__k *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
119. historical re__c *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
120. recent su__y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
121. the taste of sa_____ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
122. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
123. variety of ma___e life *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
124. fre_____er area *adj.* living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
125. en_____e area *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
126. re_____ly operate *adv.* at a distance; not directly or easily accessible
127. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

ANSWERS: 117. gloom, 118. deck, 119. relic, 120. survey, 121. saltiness, 122. permanent, 123. marine, 124. freshwater, 125. enclose, 126. remotely, 127. lift

128. gl__m-filled room *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
129. ship wr____ge *n.* the remains of something that has been destroyed, ruined, severely damaged, or crashed, usually referring to vehicles, buildings, or machinery
130. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
131. a water j_r *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials
132. a h_b of commerce *n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
133. an_____ic atmosphere *adj.* living or occurring in the absence of oxygen; relating to or involving a process that does not require oxygen
134. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
135. a fence sur_____ng a castle *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
136. pi___e a cucumber *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 128. gloom, 129. wreckage, 130. empire, 131. jar, 132. hub, 133. anaerobic, 134. suddenly, 135. surrounding, 136. pickle

137. su____d fruits from the ceiling *v.* to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely
138. fellow se____er *n.* a person who works at sea, especially on a merchant ship or a navy vessel; a person who is experienced in sailing or navigating on the sea
139. military st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
140. pathogenic ba____ia *n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease
141. By____ne rites *adj.* characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand
142. wa____r spirit *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
143. su____d a decision *v.* to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely
144. a wood ca____g *n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

ANSWERS: 137. suspend, 138. seafarer, 139. strategy, 140. bacteria, 141. byzantine, 142. warrior, 143. suspend, 144. carving

145. pr____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
146. enhance the sa_____ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
147. an_____ic exercise *adj.* living or occurring in the absence of oxygen; relating to or involving a process that does not require oxygen
148. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
149. di_____n friend from foe *v.* to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious
150. a worthless wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
151. ma___e insurance *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
152. me_____nt bank *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
153. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
154. a def_____ve edition *adj.* serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed
155. sh_____ck site *n.* the destruction or loss of a ship at sea, usually caused by sinking or running aground; the remains or wreckage of a ship that has been destroyed or lost at sea

ANSWERS: 145. preserve, 146. saltiness, 147. anaerobic, 148. suddenly, 149. discern, 150. wreck, 151. marine, 152. merchant, 153. lift, 154. definitive, 155. shipwreck

156. plenty of ca__o space *n.* the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
157. a gr____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
158. de___t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
159. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
160. mi_____ht snack *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
161. r_g a ship with new sails *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
162. wr_____ge recovery *n.* the remains of something that has been destroyed, ruined, severely damaged, or crashed, usually referring to vehicles, buildings, or machinery
163. harmless ba_____ia *n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease
164. tr_____it information *v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
165. be__h board *n.* a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice

ANSWERS: 156. cargo, 157. gradual, 158. depict, 159. eventually, 160. midnight, 161. rig, 162. wreckage, 163. bacteria, 164. transmit, 165. bench

166. und_____ly talented *adv.* without a doubt; certainly; definitely
167. mo_____ze infrastructure *v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system
168. holy re__cs *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
169. se_____al fruits *adj.* occurring or varying according to the season or time of year; related to or affected by the changing seasons
170. co_____m the diagnosis *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
171. tr_____se the region *v.* to cross or move through a land or water area
172. in___t forestland *adj.* undamaged and complete
173. co_____m a transaction *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
174. eat or_____c food *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
175. be_____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
176. de__h camera *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

ANSWERS: 166. undoubtedly, 167. modernize, 168. relic, 169. seasonal, 170. confirm, 171. traverse, 172. intact, 173. confirm, 174. organic, 175. beneath, 176. depth

177. rad_____on analysis *n.* a radioactive form of carbon that is used to date ancient biological materials, such as bones or wood, by measuring the amount of carbon-14 remaining in them
178. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
179. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
180. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
181. re_____n information *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
182. the ba__n of the Great Salt Lake *n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids
183. the house was a wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
184. tr_____it the disease *v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
185. education h_b *n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
186. armored wa_____r *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

ANSWERS: 177. radiocarbon, 178. environment, 179. survive, 180. inevitable, 181. retain, 182. basin, 183. wreck, 184. transmit, 185. hub, 186. warrior

187. su_____ed release medication *adj.* lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
188. se____d habitat *n.* the bottom of a sea or ocean; the surface of the sea's bed, which can be rocky, sandy, muddy, or covered with coral or other organisms
189. the ground be_____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
190. sh_____ck survivor *n.* the destruction or loss of a ship at sea, usually caused by sinking or running aground; the remains or wreckage of a ship that has been destroyed or lost at sea
191. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
192. mi_____ht shift *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
193. di_____ct from each other *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
194. in____t brain *adj.* undamaged and complete

ANSWERS: 187. sustained, 188. seabed, 189. beneath, 190. shipwreck, 191. zone, 192. midnight, 193. distinct, 194. intact

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.
 - n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
2. The divers accidentally discovered a _____ on the ocean floor.
 - n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
3. The _____ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.
 - adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
4. The _____ process of composting helps turn organic waste into nutrient-rich soil.
 - adj.* causing degradation or breaking down of a substance or material into smaller or simpler components; relating to or involving the breakdown of organic matter by microorganisms in the absence of oxygen
5. The _____ of the plane was scattered across the field after the crash.
 - n.* the remains of something that has been destroyed, ruined, severely damaged, or crashed, usually referring to vehicles, buildings, or machinery
6. The study provided _____ proof of the effectiveness of the new drug.
 - adj.* serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed
7. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
 - n.* the first existence or beginning of something

ANSWERS: 1. pickle, 2. wreck, 3. surrounding, 4. degradative, 5. wreckage, 6. definitive, 7. origin

8. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
9. The _____ Empire was known for its complex political system and culture.
adj. characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand
10. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.
n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
11. The kidney is an _____ component of the body.
adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
12. The ecosystem upstream of the river significantly impacts the _____ ecosystem downstream.
adj. of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea
13. Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful _____.
n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
14. The wildlife reserve is a vital _____ habitat for endangered species.
adj. not interrupted or interfered with; left alone; peaceful
15. The intricate _____ on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.
n. the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

ANSWERS: 8. uncovered, 9. Byzantine, 10. row, 11. organic, 12. saltwater, 13. settlement, 14. undisturbed, 15. carving

16. The pond's _____ was around five feet.

n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

17. Computers help people _____ specific memories.

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

18. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

19. It is essential to keep these two issues _____.

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

20. The singer's talent is _____ one of the greatest in the music industry

adv. without a doubt; certainly; definitely

21. Her research team made an important _____.

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

22. After the earthquake, many of the buildings in the city were left in ruins and began to _____.

v. to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements

23. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

24. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

ANSWERS: 16. depth, 17. retain, 18. suddenly, 19. distinct, 20. undoubtedly, 21. discovery, 22. decompose, 23. inevitable, 24. ancient

25. I sat on the _____ in the park and enjoyed the beautiful scenery.
n. a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice
26. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
27. The passenger grabbed for the _____ mask.
n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
28. Approximately 1000 automobiles _____ the bridge every day.
v. to cross or move through a land or water area
29. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
30. Only the _____ tower remained standing.
adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
31. She is the _____ president of the company.
adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
32. _____ bacteria thrive in environments without oxygen, such as a sealed landfill.
adj. living or occurring in the absence of oxygen; relating to or involving a process that does not require oxygen

ANSWERS: 25. bench, 26. strategy, 27. oxygen, 28. traverse, 29. survey, 30. medieval, 31. virtual, 32. Anaerobic

33. This shipping company has several hundred _____ ships.
- n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
34. I stayed up until _____ watching my favorite movie.
- n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
35. The main cabin is located in front of the _____.
- n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
36. The pumpkin patch only operates during the _____ fall months.
- adj.* occurring or varying according to the season or time of year; related to or affected by the changing seasons
37. Please write to _____ your reservation.
- v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
38. The president began to _____ an army.
- v.* to collect in one place as a single group
39. The _____ of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.
- n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
40. He placed the coins in a _____ to save for a trip.
- n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

ANSWERS: 33. merchant, 34. midnight, 35. mast, 36. seasonal, 37. confirm, 38. assemble, 39. gloom, 40. jar

41. The experienced _____ told stories of his adventures on the high seas.
n. a person who works at sea, especially on a merchant ship or a navy vessel; a person who is experienced in sailing or navigating on the sea
42. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary _____.
n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
43. The exquisite _____ was filled with a bouquet of flowers.
n. a container, typically ornamental, for holding flowers or other decorative objects
44. The branches of the tree _____ outwards, providing a natural canopy.
v. to spread out or apart, especially in a disorganized or uneven way; to cause or force something to spread out or expand
45. Despite the scandals, his reputation remained _____.
adj. undamaged and complete
46. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
47. She is searching for a _____ residence.
adj. lasting for a long time without essential change
48. He _____ the game so he could win the prize.
v. to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
49. The small boat's _____ was damaged in the storm, making it difficult to steer.
n. a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)

ANSWERS: 41. seafarer, 42. warrior, 43. vase, 44. splayed, 45. intact, 46. survive, 47. permanent, 48. rigged, 49. rudder

50. Seals and whales are _____ animals beloved by the people.

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

51. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

52. The consequences of the pandemic remain _____ as scientists continue to research the virus.

adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

53. The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable _____.

n. the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

54. The vase was made of _____ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

55. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

56. The brothers _____ each other in the hobby.

v. to look like or be similar to someone or something

57. _____ prevalent in hospitals are often resistant to antibiotics.

n. single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

ANSWERS: 50. marine, 51. empire, 52. unseen, 53. preservation, 54. fragile, 55. lifted, 56. resemble, 57. Bacteria

58. The company plans to _____ its outdated technology and software to improve efficiency.
- v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system
59. The study found that the treatment was _____ effective in most cases.
- adv.* particularly; especially; in a way that is worthy of attention
60. The abandoned house was _____ silent as if someone was watching from within.
- adv.* in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements
61. The archaeologists used _____ dating to determine the age of the artifacts.
- n.* a radioactive form of carbon that is used to date ancient biological materials, such as bones or wood, by measuring the amount of carbon-14 remaining in them
62. The _____ arrived in port the following day.
- n.* a ship or large boat
63. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.
- adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
64. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
- adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
65. The _____ captain ordered his crew to attack the merchant ship.
- n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea

ANSWERS: 58. modernize, 59. notably, 60. eerily, 61. radiocarbon, 62. vessel, 63. beneath, 64. largely, 65. pirate

66. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.

adj. belonging to the same or present time

67. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

68. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

69. She sat on the ship's _____ watching the sunset over the ocean.

n. a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

70. This airport has taken the first step to become an international _____ airport.

n. the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes

71. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

72. The dense coral reefs on the _____ provide a home for various marine life.

n. the bottom of a sea or ocean; the surface of the sea's bed, which can be rocky, sandy, muddy, or covered with coral or other organisms

73. This bronze sword is a _____ of ancient times.

n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

74. The entire mountain is covered in _____ rainforest.

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

ANSWERS: 66. Contemporary, 67. depicted, 68. gradual, 69. deck, 70. hub, 71. remarkable, 72. seabed, 73. relic, 74. dense

75. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
76. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.
- v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
77. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.
- v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
78. She tasted the dish and detected a slight _____.
- n.* the quality or state of being salty
79. The _____ lake has layers of water that don't mix due to differences in density and temperature.
- adj.* relating to a body of water that has distinct layers of water that do not mix, typically due to differences in temperature, salinity, or density
80. The company experienced _____ growth over the past decade.
- adj.* lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
81. The _____ of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.
- n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
82. The company can _____ access its employees' computers for troubleshooting purposes.
- adv.* at a distance; not directly or easily accessible

ANSWERS: 75. environment, 76. sink, 77. preserve, 78. saltiness, 79. meromictic, 80. sustained, 81. blade, 82. remotely

83. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

84. Many of the lakes and marshes in the _____ are mildly salty.

n. a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

85. Divers discovered the remains of an old _____ while exploring the reef.

n. the destruction or loss of a ship at sea, usually caused by sinking or running aground; the remains or wreckage of a ship that has been destroyed or lost at sea

86. Parents often _____ their characteristics to their children.

v. to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another

87. This microbe is a parasite of _____ fish.

adj. living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt

88. The University _____ the most recalcitrant demonstrators.

v. to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely

89. During the war, many _____ ships were converted into battleships.

n. the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles

90. Parents need to help their children _____ right and wrong.

v. to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious

ANSWERS: 83. scholar, 84. basin, 85. shipwreck, 86. transmit, 87. freshwater, 88. suspended, 89. cargo, 90. discern

91. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

92. The government strived to protect its tobacco _____.

n. exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

93. Scientists often fail to date archeological or _____ findings.

adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable

94. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

95. He was ordered to walk the _____ by the pirate captain.

n. a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes

96. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

97. The walls were _____ to create a private outdoor space.

v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

ANSWERS: 91. eventually, 92. monopoly, 93. prehistorical, 94. operate, 95. plank, 96. zone, 97. enclosed